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SUBJECT: ALLIANCE STUDY OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS

REF: (A) STATE 119116, (B) STATE 105160

1. NATO PERMREPS AGREED INFORMALLY AT PERMREP LUNCHEON MAY 24 THAT THE SPC WILL BE GIVEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR DRAFTING THE SPECIAL ALLIANCE STUDY ON EAST-WEST RELATIONS. WE ANTICIPATE THAT ANY FURTHER NAC DISCUSSION TO FORMALIZE THE TASKING OF THE SPC WILL BE BRIEF, AND THAT THE SPC IS FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES READY TO BEGIN ITS WORK. WE PLAN TO DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH SPC CHAIRMAN JUNG UPON HIS RETURN FROM THE ISTANBUL APAG MEETING ON MAY 31.

2. IT IS CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT THE ALLIES ARE ANTICIPATING THE INITIAL US CONTRIBUTION AS A BASIS FOR THE STUDY. WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT THE US BE PREPARED TO TABLE SOON IN SPC A MORE DETAILED OUTLINE WITH AN INITIAL CONTRIBUTION SOMEWHAT LATER.

3. WE ASSUME THE MORE DETAILED US OUTLINE (REF A) WILL INCLUDE MANY OF THE SAME SUBJECT HEADINGS AS THE US PAPER
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FOR THE MAY 24-27 APAG MEETING (REF B) AND THAT ONE SUBJECT HEADING WILL BE THE LONG-TERM IMPLICATIONS OF OUR ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH THE EAST, IN VIEW OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN'S MAY 24 STATEMENT IN HIS TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE SUB-COMMITTEE ON EUROPE AND THE MIDDLE EAST THAT THE SPECIAL STUDY SHOULD BE HELPFUL IN TAKING A MORE COORDINATED LOOK AT THIS SUBJECT. WE BELIEVE THE MORE DETAILED

OUTLINE SHOULD BE FLEXIBLE, AND SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AS THE STUDY PROGRESSES. PREPARATION OF WASHINGTON SUBSTANTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS NEED NOT AWAIT FINAL SPC APPROVAL OF THE MORE DETAILED OUTLINE.

4. RECOMMENDED ACTION: SEE PARA 2. BENNETT

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